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H.B. No. 2853

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to student union building fees at The University of Texas
at El Paso.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:

SECTION 1. Section 54.535, Education Code, is amended by
amending Subsection (a) and adding Subsections (a-1), (a-2), and
(a-3) to read as follows:

(a) The board of regents of The University of Texas System
may levy a student union fee in an amount not to exceed \$150 [~~\$30~~]
per student for each semester or term of 10 [~~regular semester or~~
~~each summer session of six~~] weeks or more, and not to exceed \$75
[~~\$15~~] per student for any other semester or term [~~each summer~~
~~session of less than six weeks~~], for the sole purpose of financing,
constructing, operating, maintaining, and improving a student
union building for The University of Texas at El Paso, including
demolition of the existing student union building; provided,
however, that the fee may not be increased to an amount that exceeds
by at least 10 percent the amount of the fee levied during the
preceding academic year, [~~above \$15 per student for each regular~~
~~semester or each summer session of six weeks or more and \$7.50 per~~
~~student for each summer session of less than six weeks~~] unless the
increase is approved by a majority vote of [~~those~~] students
enrolled at the university participating in a general student
election held for that purpose. The fees herein authorized to be

levied are in addition to any use or service fee now or hereafter authorized to be levied.

(a-1) Notwithstanding Subsection (a), for a semester or term before the 2026 fall semester, the amount of a fee levied under this section may not exceed:

(1) \$70 per student for a semester or term of 10 weeks or more; or

(2) \$35 per student for a semester or term not described by Subdivision (1).

(a-2) Notwithstanding Subsection (a), for a semester or term of the 2026-2027 academic year, the amount of a fee levied under this section may not exceed:

(1) \$120 per student for a semester or term of 10 weeks or more; or

(2) \$60 per student for a semester or term not described by Subdivision (1).

(a-3) Subsections (a-1) and (a-2) and this subsection expire September 1, 2027.

SECTION 2. Section [54.535](#), Education Code, as amended by this Act, applies beginning with student union fees collected for the 2026 spring semester.

SECTION 3. This Act takes effect September 1, 2025.